

Docket No.: 066733-0023

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Burgin, Jr., Alex B., et al.  
Appl. No. : 09/882,274  
Filed : June 15, 2001  
Title : USE OF PHOSPHOROTHIOLATE  
          POLYNUCLEOTIDES IN LIGATING  
          NUCLEIC ACIDS  
  
Grp./A.U. : 1634  
Examiner: Frank W. M. Lu

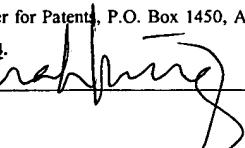
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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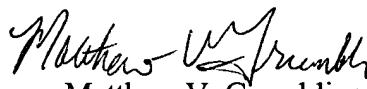
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2004, now due to expire September 16, 2004, be extended for two month(s) and set to expire on November 16, 2004.

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